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67th A.D. RECALL UPDATE: IS LAURIE CAMPBELL A GOP PLANT? SPECTER OF DIRTY POLITICS RAISED.

Editor's note: It's anticipated that on Oct. 26th (after CALPEEK's deadline), Sacto Co. Sup. Court Judge James Ford will issue a ruling on whether 67th A.D. Demo candidate Laurie Campbell will be on or off the Nov. 28th recall ballot in Orange County. Here's our update, analysis & commentary...

...Thanks to some excellent investigative reporting by L.A. Times staffer Peter Warren, we now know just how *paranoid* some Orange Co. GOPers are at the prospect that the recall of GOP Assemblywoman Doris Allen of Cypress might result in the election of Demo Linda Moulton-Patterson, the former mayor of Huntington Beach. From the tone of Warren's Oct. 19th article, it appears pro-Life Demo Laurie Campbell may have been talked into running in the recall by some GOPers to drain Demo votes away from Patterson. Nothing illegal here, but you're not supposed brag about it. But that's apparently what happened and it may have tipped Demos off to this scheme...

...But what may be illegal is how Campbell got on the ballot. When she ducked his calls, Warren began digging. He got Campbell's nominating papers (signed by 43 Demos) and began calling those who signed. The circulator of the nominating petitions was supposedly Campbell. She signed the documents. But when Warren talked to some of these Demos who signed her papers --- 10-12 of them said the circulator was "some young man." BINGO. When the story broke, the Orange Co. Demo Party took legal action to remove Campbell from the ballot. This latest "trick" reminded some readers of *The Phony White House Letters* scam and *The Poll Guard Incident*, both old GOP dirty tricks which were hatched in O.C...

...At a preliminary hearing, Judge Ford told Campbell

she needed a lawyer. Whether Ms. Campbell realizes it or not, she may have committed voter fraud. And if Judge Ford rules in favor of the Demos, it could spell good news for Allen and bad news for one of her opponents, attorney Scott Baugh --- U.S. Rep. Dana Rohrabacher's candidate in the recall. Baugh may be the key to this whole thing. Warren's story indicated that Baugh at first denied knowing Campbell, but reversed himself --- saying they both attended the same church in Newport Beach. **Baugh Movement.** FYI: as of 10/23, there were slightly more than 14,000 requests for absentee ballots in the 67th A.D. recall. More next week. Stay tuned...

THE WHITE HOUSE RUN: WILSON BACKS DOLE.

Editor's note: CA Gov. Pete Wilson is now on U.S. Sen. Bob Dole's GOP presidential team, thanks to an Oct. 23rd endorsement. Here is our analysis...

...Here's a quote from Sean Walsh, Wilson's press secretary, from the Sept. 29th edition of the San Jose Mercury: "Bob Dole has endorsements from nearly every dogcatcher in the country and three-quarters of them believe that they may be his vice-presidential running mate." Isn't it funny how words can come back to haunt you. And although Wilson on CNN's Inside Politics (10/23) insisted he would not accept a vice presidential nomination if offered, several CALPEEK sources don't believe Calif.'s top dogcatcher...

...As for the endorsement itself, the general feeling among insiders is that Dole's staff should have held this announcement until the first of the year. Why? 1) it would have more impact at that time; 2) Wilson's own poll numbers are *lousy*, but they might improve in 3 months; and 3) the biggest GOP event between now and New Year's Day is the Nov. 18th Florida Straw Poll --- and the insiders feel Wilson's endorsement doesn't help Dole in Florida...

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...Is Wilson's endorsement a plus or minus for Dole in Calif.? Wilson's fundraising team could be of great help to Dole and that's the real key to this endorsement. But the ***Dole-Wilson alliance*** also might galvanize forces loyal to U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas. They hate Wilson and that hatred will be transferred to Dole...

...And Wilson's endorsement could set in motion a *political confrontation* with the Huffingtons. Dole has been trading shots with Arianna Huffington, wife of wannabe Calif. governor Michael. From her comments, it sounds like she's pro-Colin Powell and anti-Dole. If Powell gets IN and if Calif. ends up as the key State in the 30-day nominating process, there could be a 3-way GOP feud in Calif. **Who's in charge of Dole's CA operation?** Wilson spin doctor Dan Schnur says the guy, but a top Dole aide said the key guy is AG Dan Lungren. As for Sacto attorney/GOP political guru Steve Merksamer (who is a Dole sr. advisor), there is *bad blood* between him and Wilson. This could give Dole some sleepless nights...

...FYI: Presidential Calendar with KEY dates for the rest of the year. Nov. 7th - *City Vote* (20 urban cities will do a straw poll with Clinton vs. all GOPers, as well as Perot, Jackson & Powell); Nov. 12th, DCCC Dinner in L.A. with VP Al Gore; Nov. 13th DLC annual conference in DC with Pres. Clinton; Nov. 18th - Florida Straw Poll; Dec. 15th - last chance for candidates to file for the New Hampshire primary. Stay tuned...

FULL METAL JACKET: GUNS & PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS.

Editor's note: CALPEEK now takes a look at how guns may influence GOP presidential primary races. Here's our brief analysis...

...If the gun lobby weren't important in presidential politics, then it's possible that Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole(R) might not have ever said anything about repealing the ***Assault Weapons Ban***. And if guns weren't important, why was Gov. Pete Wilson so worried about his veto several years ago of a bill that would legalize the Thompson Contender, a gun manufactured in New Hampshire? The fact is that the gun lobby is important because single issue interest groups play a *key role* in presidential primaries...

...For example. Dole has named Wilson & Calif. AG Dan Lungren to high posts in his bid to win the GOP

presidential nomination. But these guys over the years have had more than their share of loud confrontations with gun lobby. Wilson is regarded by some pro-gun types as being a *gun grabber*, while Lungren more or less stumbles into doing the wrong thing -- as far as the gunners are concerned...

...According to our sources, the gun lobby in DC has already sent word to Bob Dole's presidential campaign that he will be held responsible for Wilson's and Lungren's actions, if they sponsor or support any pro gun-control bills in the Legislature in '96. Some of these bills may violate civil liberties, so don't be shocked if the NRA joins forces with the ACLU to oppose these kinds of bills. Have the NRA & ACLU ever cooperated? YES. They are currently working on a campaign to reform the FBI and the BATF. Stay tuned...

CARD CLUB MADNESS: IRWINDALE REJECTS PLAN.

The tiny City of Irwindale in the San Gabriel Valley section of L.A. County has rejected Measure A on the Oct. 24th ballot by a margin of 59% NO to 41% YES. The voter turnout was 62% in this city of only 1,050 residents. Had it been approved, backers would have been allowed to construct a \$15-20 million, 60,000 sq. foot card club. The raw vote was 280 NO to 192 YES. CALPEEK sources suggest that the YES side would have had a better shot had the direct mail been focused on economic issues as opposed to *personalities*. A nice win for consultant Jerry Westlund and The Bicycle Club in Bell Gardens. Now it's on to ONTARIO, where voters will be looking at Measure G on Nov. 7th. The election is same day that Pomona get a 2nd chance to vote on its card club proposal. Because these two cities are so close geographically, this could present a problem. CALPEEK sources believe the YES side in both cities face an uphill fight...

...**Ontario** - The proposal facing this fast growing community of 140,000-plus residents (51,000 registered voters) would allow sponsors (said to be local business interests) to build a \$35 million entertainment complex, with between 100-200 tables. That's big. The proposed site is near the new convention center and the new Ontario Air Terminal. Up to now, the only major opponent has been San Berdu Co. Sup. Larry Walker of Chino. But that could change now that Irwindale is history and the Bicycle Club has other

targets of opportunity. There is no written anti-G argument on the ballot, which is good news for those supporting this plan. Those favoring the club include the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, the Police Officers Assn., the Inland Business Council, Ontario Firefighters Assn., United Ontario Taxpayers Assn. and the BIA (Baldy View Region). Campaign consultant Bob Gouty is running the YES on G effort. Stay tuned...

BOARD OF SUPES RACES: WHO'S IN & WHO'S OUT.

Editor's note: Here's our 2nd update on 1996 County Board of Supervisors races...

- **San Mateo** - All 3 incumbents who are up will seek another term. For Sup. Mary Griffin, this will be her 3rd and final term. Millbrae Councilwoman Janet Fogarty is planning to challenge Griffin. So far, Supes. Mike Nevin and Ruben Barrales have no opponents...

- **Orange** - UPDATE. Former Tustin Mayor Don Saltarelli has been appointed to the OPEN 3rd District seat of Gaddi Vasquez, who resigned several weeks ago. Saltarelli is a *caretaker*, meaning he won't seek election next year. The frontrunner for this seat continues to be Assemblyman Mickey Conroy(R-Orange), but he will have opposition. Names which have surfaced include Brae Councilwoman Bev Perry, Lake Forest Councilwoman Helen Wilson and Mission Viejo Councilwoman Susan Withrow...

- **Santa Clara** - 3rd Dist. Sup. Ron Gonzales and 5th Dist. Sup. Dianne McKenna are both *termed out*, thus only appointed Sup. Blanca Alvarado faces reelection. So far, no serious opponents for Alvarado. Lining up in the 3rd are former San Jose Councilwoman Pat Sausedo and Milpitas Mayor Peter A. McHugh. In the 5th, add the name of Palo Alto Councilman Joe Simitian, who has dropped out of the 21st A.D. to run here with gobs of endorsements, including that of McKenna and Gonzales (plus U.S. Reps. Eshoo and Lofgren). Others in the race include Cupertino Councilwoman Barbara Koppel; environmentalist Owen Byrd; and health clinic operator Mark O'Connor...

- **San Diego** - Supes. Dianne Jacob, Pam Slater and Greg Cox are all running for 2nd terms and at this point there are no big name challengers...

- **Alameda** - 4th Dist. Sup. Mary King and 5th Dist.

Sup. Keith Carson will seek another term, but 1st Dist. Sup. Ed Campbell is retiring. Lining up to run for the 1st Dist. are Pleasanton Councilman Thomas Pico; ex Pleasanton Mayor Ken Mercer and businessman Scott Haggerty. Campbell has endorsed Haggerty, who ran as a GOP candidate against Assemblywoman Liz Figueroa(D-Fremont) in 1994...

CAMPAIGN '96: ADDING MORE NAMES TO THE MIX.

Editor's note: Here is our final update about who's IN and who's OUT in 1996 House & Legislative races. Next week we'll list those primaries we plan to cover in the next several months and will begin our analysis of those races...

- ☑ **1st C.D.** - ADD the name of St. Helene attorney Monica Marven to the list of Demos looking at this primary race...

- ☑ **27th C.D.** - GOP Assemblyman James Rogan of Glendale has officially announced for this House seat now occupied by U.S. Rep. Carlos Moorhead(R), who is retiring...

- ☑ **64th A.D.** - ADD the name of GOPer Kathleen Daily Howe to the list of candidates for this OPEN seat now held by Assemblyman Ted Weggeland, who is retiring. The Thompson Group represents Howe...

- ☑ **56th A.D.** - ADD the name John Crawley to the GOP primary list. He is a councilman from Cerritos. Dave Gilliard & Assoc. is Crawley's consultant...

- ☑ **69th A.D.** - Freshman GOP Assemblyman Jim Morrissey of Santa Ana has hired the Thompson Group to run his reelection campaign...

- ☑ **76th A.D.** - GOP businessman Bob Trettin is going to take another shot against Assemblywoman Susan Davis(D-San Diego). Trettin has hired Sacto-based McNally-Temple...

- ☑ **63rd A.D.** - State Sen. Bill Leonard(R-Upland) has hired Dave Gilliard & Associates for this campaign. Leonard is *termed out* in the Senate, so he's running for Jim Brulte's assembly seat...

W.I.P.A. SETS '96 PRIMARY ELECTION DISCUSSION.

Women In Public Affairs(WIPA) will present a panel discussion on the March '96 primary, featuring GOP consultant Allan Hoffenblum, Demo consultant Darry Sragow and GOP pollster Gary Lawrence; 11:30 a.m. reception, 12 noon lunch, Nov. 9th, Tower Restaurant, downtown L.A. For info & RSVPs, ☎ Mona Stafford at (310)496-2257...

CALPEEK's INFOBAHN: POLITICAL SHORT TAKES.

Editor's note: Here are a few political items worth noting...

◆ **15th C.D. Update** - Sources tell CALPEEK that a new Demo poll shows GOP State Sen. Tom Campbell of Palo Alto leading former San Jose Councilman Jerry Estruth by a margin of 8 points, with Campbell under 50%. That's got to be encouraging news for Estruth and the DCCC, who are battling to hold retired U.S. Rep. Norm Mineta's seat. But this poll has Senate Demo Leader Bill Lockyer worried, because he wants Campbell in the U.S. House so that Demo Assemblyman Byron Sher of Palo Alto has a shot at bringing Campbell's 13th S.D. into the Demo column...

◆ **Has Perot's Reform Party Qualified?** - Ross Perot says YES. News reports say Perot's troops have gathered and turned in more than 99,000 registrants to qualify The Reform Party in Calif. To qualify as a new party, the Reform Party needed 89,007 valid signatures. Nov. 13th is the day when all the signature verifications are complete. What does this mean, if true? Not much until the Reform Party picks a presidential nominee, says CA Republican Party chair John Herrington...

◆ **Conrad Strikes Again** - Leave it to political cartoonist Paul Conrad to pop Colin Powell's balloon. His cartoon in the Oct. 25th issue of the L.A. Times points to some problem areas that Powell may have to answer for. Examples: the My Lai coverup; the illegal war against Nicaragua & El Salvador; the Iran-Contra coverup. Very interesting...

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NEW JOBS, ADDRESSES AND PERSONNEL NOTICES.

Editor's note: Here are some items to mark down in your notebook...

● GOP consultant Natalie Blanning has joined Sacto-based Dave Gilliard & Associates. She's the former COS to Assemblyman James Rogan(R-Glendale)...

● Jami Warner has joined Edelman Public Relations Worldwide as vp/gm of the firm's Sacto office. Also joining Edelman as an AE is Kim Brockman. The new office is at 1121 "L" St., Ste. 803, Sacramento, CA 95814. ☎(916)442-2331...

● Although there's been no official announcement as yet, White House aide John Emerson is expected to run the Clinton/Gore '96 reelection effort in Calif...

● Pacific/West Communications Group has opened a DC office at 501 School St., S.W., Ste. 700, Washington DC 20024. ☎(202)646-5177. Regional VP Becky Tymchuk is in charge...

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